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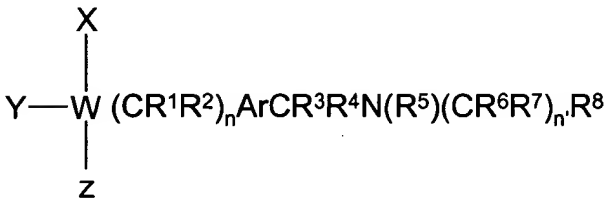
EXHIBIT A. - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Thrice amended) A compound according to Formula I:



(I)

wherein, W is a nitrogen atom and Y is void or, W is a carbon atom and Y=H;

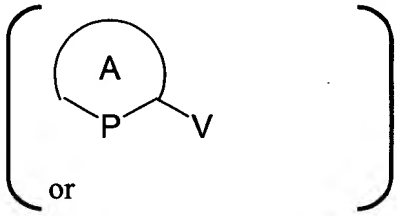
R^1 to R^7 may be the same or different and are independently hydrogen or straight, branched or cyclic C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^8 is an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted aromatic group

Ar is an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring optionally substituted at single or multiple, non-linking positions with electron-donating or withdrawing groups;

n and n' are independently, 0-2;

X is a group of the formula:



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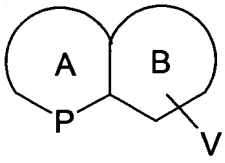

wherein, Ring A is an optionally substituted, saturated or unsaturated 5 or 6-membered ring, and P is an optionally substituted nitrogen atom and wherein any heteroatom in ring A or B is N;

wherein Ring B is an optionally substituted 5 to 7-membered ring;

wherein Ring A or Ring B is bound to group W from any position through group V;

wherein V is a chemical bond or V is a $(CH_2)_{n''}$ group (where n''= 0-2), or V is a C=O group; and

wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of: a hydrogen atom; an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group; a C_{0-6} alkyl group substituted with an optionally substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; an optionally substituted C_{0-6} alkylamino or C_{3-7} cycloalkylamino group; and an optionally substituted carbonyl group or sulfonyl; and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof; and

any stereoisomeric forms and mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof.

2. (Thrice amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ring A is selected from the group consisting of: pyridine; pyrimidine; pyrazine; pyridazine; triazine; piperidine; piperazine; imidazole; pyrazole; and triazole[; oxazole; and thiazole] and the optionally substituted forms thereof.

3. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ring B is selected from the group consisting of: benzene[;] and a 5 to 7–membered cycloalkyl ring; [furan; dihydrofuran; tetrahydrofuran; thiophene; dihydrothiophene; tetrahydrothiophene (thiolane); pyran; dihydropyran; tetrahydropyran; thiapyran; dihydrothiapyran; tetrahydrothiapyran (pentamethylene sulfide); oxepine; and thiepin] and the optionally substituted forms thereof.